IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE NASHVILLE DIVISION

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE OF	
THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION)
FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF)
COLORED PEOPLE, et al.,)
Plaintiffs,))) No. 3:20-cy-01039
V.)
) Judge Campbell
WILLIAM LEE, et al.,) Magistrate Judge Frensley
)
Defendants)

DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO EXPEDITE CONSIDERATION OF MOTION FOR CLARIFICATION OF THE ORDER REOPENING DISCOVERY

Defendants, William Lee, Lisa Helton, Mark Goins, and Tre Hargett, move this Court to expedite consideration of Defendants' motion for clarification of this Court's September 25, 2023 Order reopening discovery. (Order, R. 179, PageID# 2856.) Expedited consideration of Defendants' motion is necessary to ensure that all discovery is completed before the December 18th deadline. (*See id.*) Defendants request this relief because the parties dispute the scope of the September 25, 2023 Order. (Motion for Clarification, R. 194, PageID #3251.) This affects Defendants' written discovery requests, the responses to which might occasion depositions of one or more witnesses. Without swift resolution of Defendants' motion for clarification, their ability to complete discovery—even under expedited discovery-response deadlines—becomes even more demanding before the discovery cutoff. Thus, Defendants propose that Plaintiffs' response to this motion be filed no later than November 3, 2023, and that Defendants' reply be filed two days after the filing of Plaintiffs' response. Plaintiffs indicated via email on October 30, 2023 that they take no position on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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